

MINUTES OF THE BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

(held jointly with the Chicago Quarterly Meeting at the Evanston, Illinois, Meeting House — April 26, 1952)

Clerk Albert Mills called the roll of the official delegates from the various monthly meetings — all of whom were present. These delegates were:

<u>Milwaukee</u> —	Richard Franz Rachel Oesting	<u>Oak Park</u> —	Maurice Crew
<u>Chicago — 57th St.</u> —	Irene Koch Lee Thomas Joan Thomas Barbara Trowbridge Burton Holmes Jefferson Wheeler	<u>Madison</u> —	Grace Hughes Lelia Bascom Ivan Bean
<u>Clear Creek</u> —	Edna Wolf Andrew Wolf Virginia Sutherland Wilbor Sutherland Lucretia Franklin Martha Mills	<u>Peoria</u> —	Charles Harker
		<u>St. Louis</u> —	Wolfgang Thron
		<u>Rockford Preparative Meeting</u>	Hans Peters

1) The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer, Martha Mills, and duly Audited and accepted by Bruce Meserve and Wolfgang Thron. This report is as follows:

8 mo./18/51 bank balance			\$425.40
recvd. Mil. Meeting — 5%			<u>2.50</u>
		427.90 income	
paid out:	8/25/51	Madison Meeting Speaker	\$20.00
	" " "	Friends Intelligencer	20.00
	9/18/51	Ill. Yrly Meeting World Conference	
		fund	72.35
	11/10/51	Friends World Conf. — Amer. Sect.	210.00
	" " "	Am. Friends Service Comm.	<u>30.00</u>
			352.35 spent
		Balance — April 26, 1952	<u>75.55</u>

(From Saving Bank Funds to Scattergood 12 mo. 1951) \$25.00)

- 2) Albert Mills read a letter from the Chairman of Overseers, Bruce E. Meserve, of the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting, dated April 20, 1952, requesting affiliation with the Blue River Quarterly Meeting. The letter also expressed the hope that the Urbana-Champaign Meeting would join Western Yearly and thus give service as a united monthly meeting. (copy of letter inclosed)... Edna Wolf, Charles Harker, and George Watson spoke strongly in favor of this affiliation with Blue River Quarterly. The Clerk instructed the four members present from Urbana-Champaign to take back the information that they were gladly accepted.
- 3) Harold Flitcraft reported on the work of the two committees working on quarterly meeting reorganization. Wolfgang Thron asked for the reasons for reorganization. At this point quite a number of persons spoke their concerns for the need of joint quarterly meetings and the need for unity — among them, Wilfred Reynolds, Erna Lowenberg, and Hans Peters. To this secretary there was considerable confusion apparent! It seemed that whereas some monthly meetings were already united meetings — others were not, and were not yet ready to act on this proposal.
- 4) In regard to the proposal that the Blue River Quarterly Meeting be divided into two quarters — one Northerly and one Southerly — with appropriate geographical names — it was the sense of the meeting that the delegates approved of this action. However, this concern was continued to the Peoria Meeting of Aug. 2, 1952, as the Urbana-Champaign Meeting had not considered this matter and had not instructed its delegates, who had only been instructed to affiliate with Blue River Quarterly Meeting.
- 5) Erna Lowenberg gave the following Nominating Committee Report, as follows:

Whereas Albert Mills, who has faithfully and ably served as Clerk of Blue River Quarterly Meeting these many years, has declined to accept this office for the coming year — that Myrtle Peterson will accept the clerkship as soon as her health permits. Harold Flitcraft will act in her place until such time. Bruce Meserve and William Manby were appointed as joint-assistant clerks.

The excellence of the arrangements and hospitality of the Evanston Friends was noticed and mentioned by many persons.

Respectfully submitted,
William Manby
acting secretary